

Amendments to the Specification:

Rewrite the paragraph at page 1, line 5 as follows.

This application claims the ~~priority~~ benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) ~~(1)~~ of ~~copending~~ U.S. provisional application number 60/185,792, filed ~~on February 29, 2000~~ 2/29/2000; this application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 of copending application number 09/224,401, filed 12/31/1998.

Rewrite equations 1 and 2 at page 9, line 14 as follows.

$$c = a_{24}a - a_{12}b^*$$

Equation 1

$$d = a_{24}b - a_{12}a^*$$

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